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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 7, 2003 (Paper No. 7), Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I and Species I (mechanical sensor), consisting of claims 1-5 and 7-8 for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to a cutting apparatus for removing a portion of a protective tape from a wafer;

Group II, claims 9-15, drawn to a method for removing a portion of a protective tape from a wafer; and

Species I, the mechanical sensor of claim 5 and 13; and

Species II, the optical sensor of claims 6 and 14.

Claims 1 and 9 are generic to both mechanical and optical sensors.

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